ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 1615 Hopewell Avenue 15th Election District CASE # 91-322-SPHXA 5th Councilmanic District Contract Purchaser:

Hopewell Day Care, Inc. Legal Owner: First Baptist Church of Back River

Petitioner *****

FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

BEFORE THE

The Petitioner herein requests, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, a determination that the proposed use of a Class B Child Care Center is within the subject Church and, to determine if the bulk standards of Section 424.7 may be varianced and, when the RTA requirements are applicable and, when such a facility is exempt from RTA requirements; and in the alternative, a Petition for Special Exception to approve the use of the herein described property for a Class B Child Care Center within the RTA; and, pursuant to the Petition for Zoning Variance, variances from Section 424.7a to permit site acreage of .2850 acres in lieu of the required 1 acre, and Section 424.7b to permit a front yard setback of 10 ft in lieu of the required 25 ft., and from Section 424.7b to permit a side yard setback of 12 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft. and 40 ft. in lieu of the required 50 t., and from Section 424.7b to permit a side perimeter vegetative buffer 12 t and 10 ft. in lieu of the required 20 ft., and from Section 424.7b to permit a rear perimeter vegetative buffer of 6 ft. in lieu of the required 20 ft., and from Section 424.7c to permit no onsite drop off or delivery area in lieu of the required side or rear yard drop of area, and a variance from Section 424.1b to permit a fence with a 0 ft. setback in lieu of the required 20 ft., and from Section 409.8(A)(4) to allow parking within 2 ft.

of a street right of way in lieu of the required 10 ft., as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1

The Petitioner, by Pastor Isaiah Hill, appeared, testified and was represented by Darryl G. Fletcher, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petitioner was Ed Canino, Architect. Catherine Drayton appeared on behalf of the Department of Community Development for Baltimore County. Appearing as Protestants were Delores and Charles Poole, Sr.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 1615 Hopewell Avenue, consisting of .2850 acres +/-, zoned D.R.5.5, is currently improved with a single family dwelling.

Testimony and evidence indicated that the subject property is owned by the First Baptist Church of Back River which is situated across Oakhurst Avenue from the subject site, as indicated on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

Pastor Isaiah Hill testified that the Church is approximately 80 years old and has operated a day care facility for the past 7 years. Pastor Hill testified that the Church currently provides day care for low income families who live in the surrounding communities. He testified that, in consideration for the low day care fees, the parents volunteer their time for such activities and services as reading to the children, cutting grass, etc. Pastor Hill testified that the subject facility will be leased to Hopewell Day Care, Inc. who will manage the facility.

Mr. Edward Canino, Architect, generally described the layout of the property. He requested, in view of the fact that the Day Care Center will be a non-profit organization, that the Petitioner be permitted to landscape the property in phases over a period of one year due to costs.

Catherine Drayton, Department of Community Development for Baltimore County, testified that her department supports this project and that it is

the only non-profit Day Care Center in this area. Testimony indicated that the center provides high quality care at a price that low income families can afford.

Delores and Charles Poole, Sr., Protestants, both concurred in their concerns regarding the negative impact that they perceive this facility will have on traffic in their community and the fear that the subject facility represents commercial encroachment on their neighborhood. They indicated that such a large facility was out of character with the residential communi-

It is clear that the B.C.Z.R. permits the use proposed in a D.R.5.5 zone by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the primary uses in the vicinity. Therefore, it must be determined whether the conditions as delineated by Section 502.1 are satisfied by the Petitioner.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1. In fact, the Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A2d 1319 (1981). The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the

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property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted, with certain restrictions as more fully described below.

The Petitioner also requested, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, for a determination that the proposed Class B Child Care Center is within a church. The Petitioner did not carry his burden of proof in establishing that the proposed facility is "within" a church. Therefore, this portion of the special hearing relief will be denied.

The Petitioner also requested, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, a determination that the bulk standards of Section 424.7 may be varianced. Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. permits the Zoning Commissioner to grant variances from height and area regulations. Clearly, Section 424.7 is a regulation concerning area and, therefore, may be varianced, pursuant to the authority of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R.

The Petitioner has also requested the aforementioned variances.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his prop-McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

 whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the variances were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variances requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted in part.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore Coun-ing, for a determination that the proposed use of a Class B Child Care Center is within the subject Church, is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's request, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing for determination that the bulk standards of Section 424.7 may be varianced, is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's request, pursuant to the Petition for Special Exception, for approval to use the herein described property for a Class B Child Care Center within the RTA, is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Petition for Zoning Variance, a variance from Section 424.7a to permit site acreage of .2850 acres in lieu of the required 1 acre, is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Petition for Zoning Variance, a variance from Section 424.7b to permit a front yard setback of 10 ft in lieu of the required 25 ft., is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Petition for Zoning Variance, a variance from Section 424.7b to permit side yard setback of 12 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft., and 40 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft., is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Petition for Zoning Variance, a variance from from Section 424.7b to permit a side perimeter vegetative buffer 12 ft and 10 ft. in lieu of the required 20 ft. is hereby GRANTED;

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Petition for Zoning Variance, a variance from Section 424.1b to permit a fence with 0 ft. setback in lieu of the required 20 ft. is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Petition for Zoning Variance,

street right-of-way in lieu of the required 10 ft. is hereby GRANTED. subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner phase in, over a period of one year from the date of this Order, all landscaping required by the Baltimore County Landscape Planner.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Peoples Counsel

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

May 13, 1991

Darryl G. Fletcher, Esquire 8905 Harford Road Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Case #91-322-SPHXA

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Zoning First Baptist Church of Back River, Legal Owner Hopewell Day Care, Inc., Contract Purchaser, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

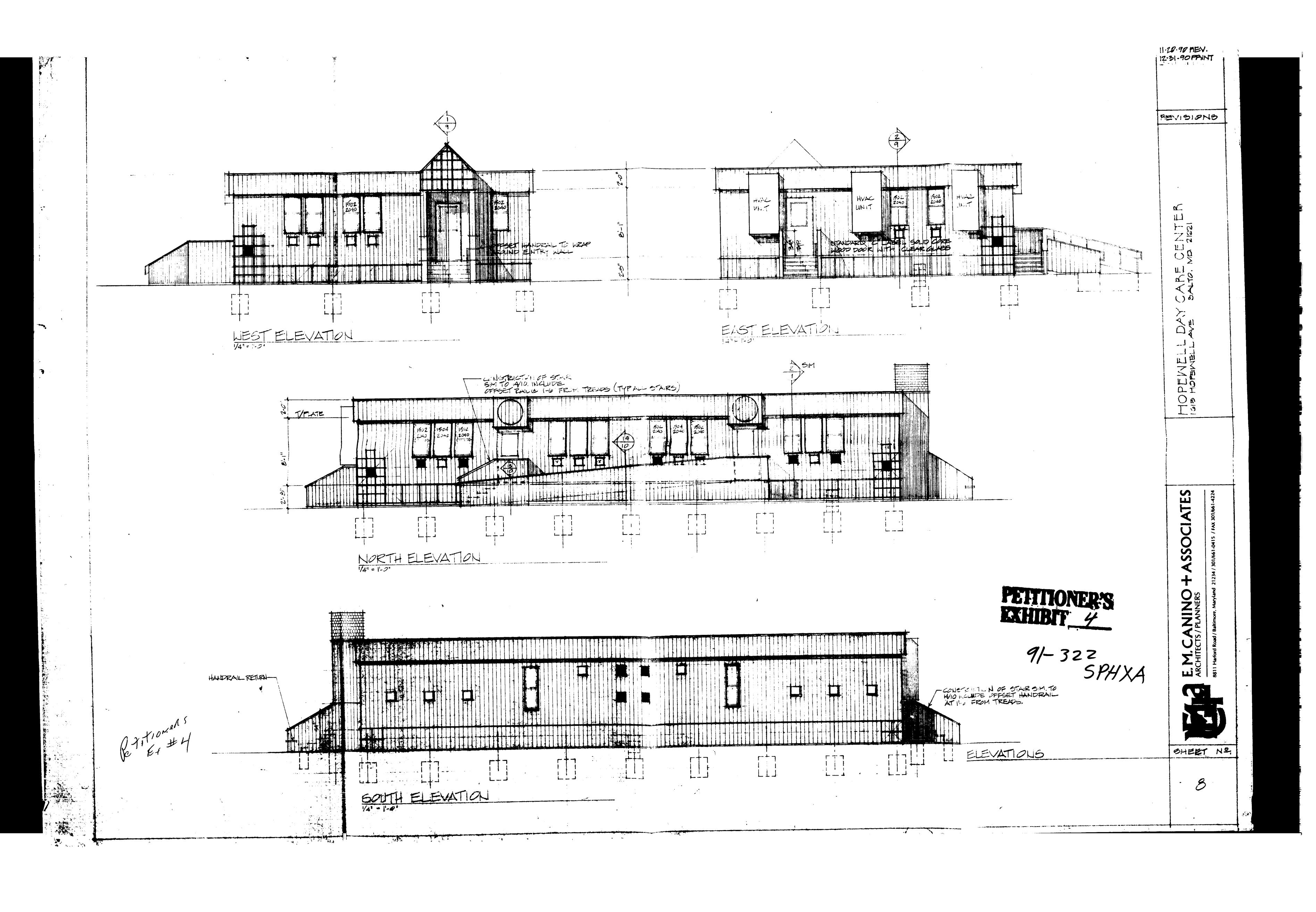
Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Zoning Variance have been granted in part in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Peoples Counsel cc Mr. Edward Canino

cc: Ms. Catherine Drayton cc: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poole, Sr.





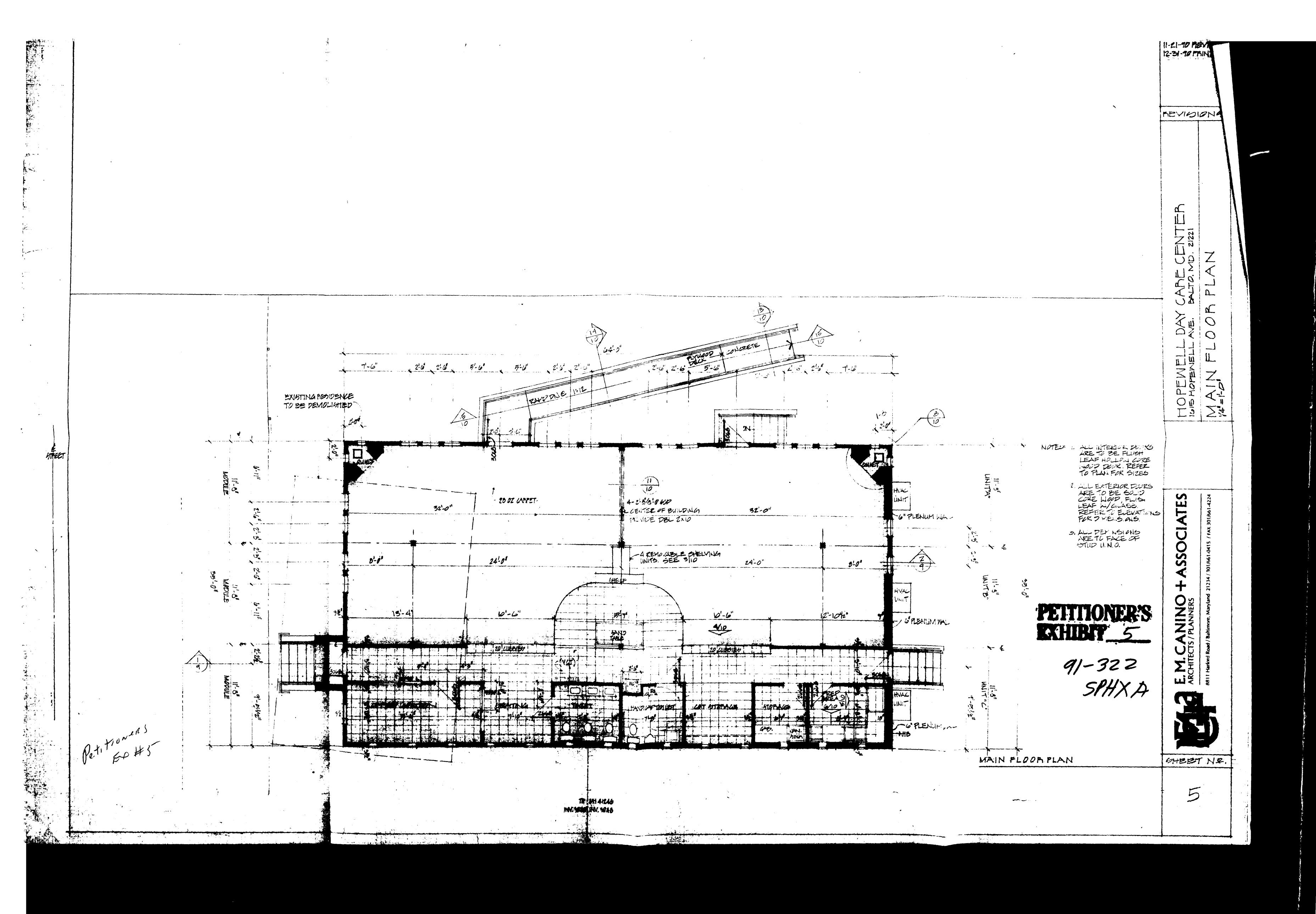
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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING PHOTOGRAPHIC MAP

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6TH DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: 91-322-5PHXA The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the Herein described property for Sclass B Child Care Center within RTA Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser: First Baptist Church of Back River Hopewell Day Care, Inc. By: (Type or Print Name) BY: Pastor Isaiah Hill 1613 Hopewell Avenue (Type or Print Name) Baltimore, Maryland 21221 City and State Attorney for Petitioner: _Darryl-G._Fletcher (Type or Print Name) City and State Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con 8905 Harford Road tract purchaser or representative to be contacted Pastor Isaiah Hill Baltimore, Maryland 21234 City and State 1613 Hopewell Ave. 687-3040 Attorney's Telephone No.: ___882-2000 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ day 5 ____, 19_2/_, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the _____ day of _____, 19_1, at ____ o'clock n n n et- Miner Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, Z.C O -No. 1 ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

SILBERMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC. 3527 EAST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21234
(301) 861-5888
EAV M. ACCORD FAX No. 661-0728 FEBRUARY 7,1991

DESCRIPTION OF A PARCEL OF LAND ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HOPEWELL AVENUE AND OAKHURST AVENUE IN THE 15TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND , KNOWN AS # 1615 HOPEWELL AVENUE.

BEGINNING AT A PIPE SET ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF HOPEWELL AVENUE, AS WIDENED TO FIFTY FEET, AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE PROPERTY LINE IN COMMON WITH # 1617 HOPEWELL AVENUE;

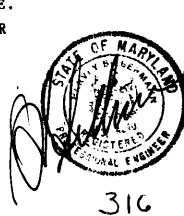
THENCE, ALONG THE SAID LINE;

- (1) S 59°56'53" E 140.00 FT.
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- (3) N 59°56'53" W 125.00 FT. (4) THENCE, WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, WITH A RADIUS OF
- 15.00 FT. AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 23.56 FT.;
- (5) N 30°03'07" E 74.03 FT.

TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING LOT # 20 C AND LOT # 21.AS RECORDED ON THE SUBDIVISION OF "MIDRIVER PARK" IN BALTIMORE COUNTY PLAT BOOK # 4, FOLIO # 12, AS MODIFIED BY THE WIDENING OF HOPEWELL AVENUE TO

50 FEET WIDE AND OAKHURST AVENUE TO 40 FEET WIDE. CONTAINING 12,414.60 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.2850 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

> HARVEY SILBERMANN, P.E. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER MARYLAND P.E. # 4240



PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: 91. 322-5PHXA The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should 1. Determine if the proposed use of Class B Childcare Center is within 2. To determine if the bulk standards of Section 424.7 may be varianced. (a) When RTA is applicable (b) When exempt from RTA. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): Contract/Purchaserx LESSEE First Baptist Church of Back River HOPEWELL DAY CARE, INC. BY: (Pape or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) BY: Pastor Isaiah Hill 1613 Hopewell Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21221 City and State Darryl G. Fletcher (Type or Print Name) City and State tract purchaser or representative to be contacted 8905 Harford Road Pastor Isaiah Hill Baltimore, Maryland 21234 687-3040 1613 Hopewell Ave. 882-2000 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this ______ day required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Beltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore day of figure, 19 21, at 2 o'clock Notary Joines ning Commissioner of Baltimore County.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: 91-322 The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a SEE ADENDUM A ___ATTACHED_____ of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Practical difficulty exists in the use of the property for a day-care facility for up to forty (40) children. There are substantial site constraints to the planned facility due to the ownership by and location of the property adjacent to the church (legal owner). There is a real need for this community resource and the requested variances would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Laws and not in conflict with them. Denial of a variance would be a substantial hardship for the owners, Petitioners and neighborhood residents who are in need of this facility. And for other reasons to be addressed at the hearing of this Petition. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm MEZE under the penalties of perjury, that I/WELLE are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser: First Baptist Church of Back River Pastor Isaiah Hill Hopewell_Day_Care,_Inc.___ (Type or Print Name) Pastor Isaiah Hill Grandones 1613 Hopewell Avenue (Type or Print Name) Baltimore, Maryland 21221 City and State Attorney for Petitioner: . . Darryl & Fletcher, ---------(Pype or Print Name) City and State ✓Signature ø Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con-8905 Harford Road tract purchaser or representative to be contacted Address Pastor Isaiah Hill Baltimore, Maryland 21234 City and State Attorney's Telephone No.: 882-2000 1613 Hopewell Avenue 687-3040 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ day 19 21, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as of _______, 19_____, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the _____day of ______direction, 1991, at 2 o'clock Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County. ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION The Zerlang Carrestastories of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Beltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, lo-cated at 111 W. Chesapeaks Av-enue in Towson, Meryland 21204 on follows: TOWSON, MD., ____ THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was

published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 3-14, 1991. Special Hearingto determine if the proposed use of Class B child care center is within a church; THE JEFFERSONIAN, and to determine if the bulk stan-derds of Section 434.7 may be verienced: (a) when R.T.A. is ap-plicable and (b) when exempt from R.T.A. in feu of 25 toot estheck; elds yard estheck of 12 feet in feu of 85 feet and 40 feet in feu of 50 teat; aide perimeter vagatetve buller 12 feet und 10 feet in lieu of 20 feet; near perimeter vaga-testve buller 8 feet in lieu of 20 feet demand and deficier in hans fact; drop-off and delivery to have no on-alle drop-off in fleu of eithe or near yand drop-off; location of fence of zero fact extracts in fleu of 20 fact; and to allow parting within 2 feet of street right-of-way in fleu of 10 feet. \$ 58.63

PETITION FOR A VARIANCE ADENDUM A

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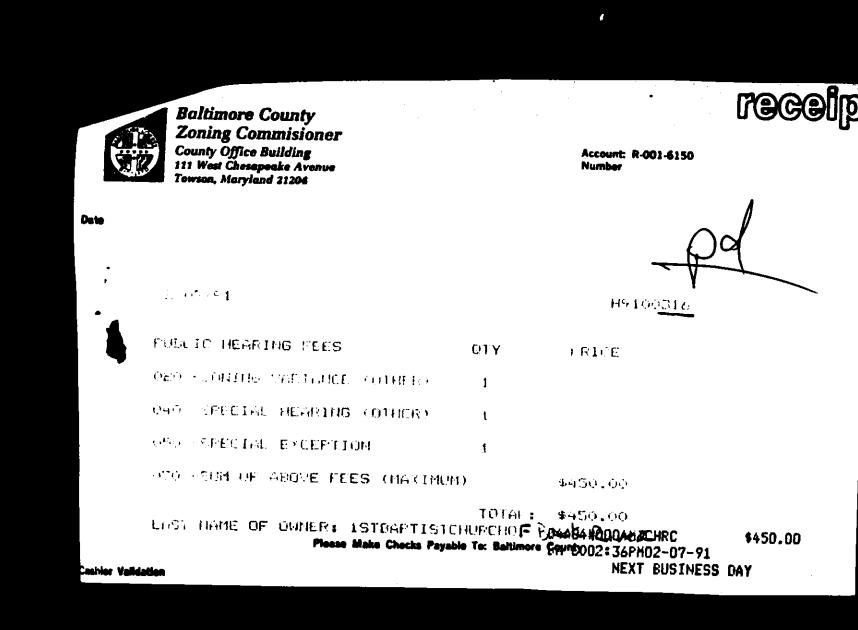
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Location of fence-0 feet setback in lieu of 20 feet.

5. Section 409.8 (A) (4) to allow parking within 2 feet of street right-of-way in lieu of 10 feet.

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February 25, 1991

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Case Number: 91-322-SPHXA S/S Hopewell Avenue, 20' NE of c/l Oakhurst Avenue 1615 Hopewell Avenue 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): First Baptist Church of Back River Contract Purchaser(s). Hopewell Day Care, Inc. HEARING. THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1991 at 2:00 p.m.

Special Exception for a Class B child care center within R.T.A. Special Hearing to determine if the proposed use of Class B child care center is within a church; and to determine if the bulk standards of Section 424.7 may be varianced: (a) when R T A is applicable and (b) when exempt from R.T.A. Variance from 2850 acres in lieu of 1 acre; front setback of 10 feet in lieu of 25 foot setback; side yard setback of 12 feet in lieu of 50 feet and 40 feet in lieu of 50 feet; side perimeter vegetative buffer 12 feet and 10 feet in lieu of 20 feet; rear perimeter vegetative buffer 6 feet in lieu of 20 feet; drop-off and delivery to have no on-site drop-off in lieu of side or rear yard drop-off; location of tence of zero foot setback in lieu of 20 feet; and to

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

allow parking within 2 feet of street right-of-way in lieu of 10 feet.

cc. Pastor Isaiah Hill Darryl G Fletcher, Esq. Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

March 28, 1991

887-3353

Darryl G. Fletcher, Esquire 8905 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21234

> RE: Item No. 316, Case No. 91-322-SPHXA Petitioner: First Baptist Church, et al Petition for Zoning Variance, Special Exception and Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

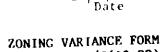
IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

cc: Pastor Isaiah Hill 1613 Hopewell Avenue Baltimore, MD 21221

> BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

w/s(12-88)

Zoning Item # 3/4. Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of Property Owner: Location: District:

() Prior to approval of a Building Permit for construction, renovation and/or installation of equipment for any existing or proposed food service facility, complete plans and specifications must be submitted to the Plans Review Section, Bureau of Regional Community Services, for final review and approval.

() Prior to new installation(s) of fuel burning equipment, the owner shall contact the Burcau of Air Quality Management, 887-3775, to obtain requirements for such installation(s) before work begins.

() A permit to construct from the Bureau of Quality Management is required for such items as spray paint processes, underground gasoline storage tank(s) (5,000 gallons or more) and any other equipment or

process which exhausts into the atmosphere. () A permit to construct from the Bureau of Air Quality Management is required for any charbroiler generation

which has a total cooking surface area of five (5) square feet or more. () Prior to approval of a Building Permit Application for renovations to existing or construction of new health care facilities, complete plans and specifications of the building, food service area and type of equipment to be used for the food service operation must be submitted to the Plans Review and Approval

Section, Division of Engineering and Maintenance, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for review and approval. () Prior to any new construction or substantial alteration of public swimming pool, wading pool, bathhouse, saunas, whirlpools, hot tubs, water and sewerage facilities or other appurtenances pertaining to health and safety; two (2) copies of plans and specifications must be submitted to the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management for review and approval. For more complete information,

contact the Water Quality Monitoring Section, Bureau of Regional Community Services, 687-6560 x 315. Prior to approval for a nursery school, owner or applicant must comply with all Baltimore County regulations.

For more complete information, contact the Division of Maternal and Child Health.

() If lubrication work and oil changes are performed at this location, the method providing for the elimination of waste oil must be in accordance with the State Department of the Environment.

() Prior to razing of existing structure(s), petitioner must contact the Division of Waste Management at 887-3745, regarding removal and/or disposal of potentially hazardous materials and solid wastes. Petitioner must contact the Bureau of Air Quality Management regarding removal of asbestos, 887-3775.

() Any abandoned underground storage tanks containing gasoline, waste oil, solvents, etc., must have the contents removed by a licensed hauler and tank removed from the property or properly backfilled. Prior to removal or abandonment, owner must contact the Division of Waste Minagement at 887-3745.

() Soil percolation tests, have been ____, must be ____, conducted. () The results are valid until
 () Soil percolation test results have expired. Petitioner should contact the Division of Water

and Sewer to determine whether additional tests are required. () Where water wells are to be used as a source of water supply, a well meeting the minimum Baltimore

County Standards must be drilled.

() In accordance with Section 13-117 of the Baltimore County Code, the water well yield test () shall be valid until

() is not acceptable and must be refested. This must be accomplished prior to conveyance of property and approval of Building Permit Applications.

() Prior to occupancy approval, the potability of the water supply must be verified by collection of bacteriological and chemical water samples.

() If submission of plans to the County Review Group is required, a Hydregeolegical Study and an Environmental Effects Report must be submitted. For more information contact the Division of Environmental Management

() In order to subdivide this property, the owner or developer will be required to douply with the subdivision regulations of the State of Maryland and Baltimore County. If there are any questions regarding the

subdivision process, please contact the Land Development Section at 887-2762.

() Others

Baltimore County Government Department of Public Works Bureau of Traffic Engineering

401 Bosley Avenue Suite 405 Towson, MD 21204

887-3551 Fax 887-5784

February 19, 1991

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204 Item No. 316 Property Owner:

Z.A.C. February 19, 1991 First Baptist Church of Back River South side of Hopewell Avenue at Oakhurst Avenue.

Existing Zoning: Proposed Zoning:

Location:

District:

Special Exception for a Class B child care center within R.T.A. 12,414.60 sq. feet. 15th Election District

Dear Mr. Haines:

The proposed day care center should have a safe off-street loading area for children.

Parking may be a problem at this site.

Traffic Engineer Associate II

5th Councilmanic District

MSF/lvd

Office of Planning and Toming Baltimore County Office Building (301) 887-4500

Baltimore County Government

Fire Department

March 7, 1991

PR: Property Owner: FIRST PARMIST CHUPCE OF DACK FIVER #1615 HOPEVELL AVENUE Location:

Item No.: 316 Zoning Agenda: FFPRUARY 19, 1991

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901

Towson, MD 21204-5500

J. Pobert Haines Foning Commissioner

Towson, MF 21204

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals of 300 feet along an approved road in accordance with Ealtimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy. ADDITIONAL FIRE HYDRANT SHALL RE REQUIRED AT THE CORNER OF ECPEWELL AVENUE AND OAKHUEST AVENUE.

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 20th day of February, 1991.

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Petitioner: First Balptist Church of Back River, et al Petitioner's Attorney: Darryl G. Fletcher

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

SUBJECT____ 91-322-SPHXA

December 10, 1990

12-12-2-GM

The Grants Administration Office within the Department Community Development has been working with Hopewell Day Care, Inc. since this summer when the County awarded federal Community Development Block Grant funds to expand a licensed group child care center. Until August, 1990, the First Baptist Church of Back River, Maryland operated this day care center for twenty children in an addition to the rear of this church located at 1613 Hopewell Avenue in Essex.

However, to comply with federal regulations for the separation of church and state, the church formed a nonprofit organization, Hopewell Day Care, Inc., to receive the Block Grant award and to expand and operate its existing day care program. The nonprofit group will use the grant to purchase a modular building with capacity for forty children and to make site improvements to accommodate the new facility.

There is insufficient land within the lot at 1613 Hopewell Avenue, which houses the existing center, to expand this building. Therefore, the nonprofit plans to place the modular unit across Oakhurst Avenue at 1615 Hopewell Avenue. The First Baptist Church also owns this land and will lease it for ninety-nine years to Hopewell Day Care, Inc. for use only as a group child care center.

Although the pre-school children will spend most of the day at 1615 Hopewell Avenue, they will still regularly use the playground at 1613 Hopewell Avenue. In addition, the staff will regularly use the space in the original day care center at 1613 for staff functions. School-age children will use both the 1613 and 1615 locations for their after-school and summer programs.

Therefore, we view the two day care buildings as one integrated day care site within one church property. Section 424.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations states that group child centers are permitted by right within churches. We feel that the Hopewell Day Care, Inc. project meets this requirement of being within a church and simply represents an expansion of an existing child care program within the church.

J. Robert Haines December 10, 1990

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Oakhurst Avenue, which bisects the two day care sites, is a small dead-end residential street with only one house and, thus has very little traffic. Furthermore, the pre-school children will regularly cross Oakhurst to travel from the modular unit to the playground and day care building at 1613 Hopewell. This facility will still be licensed as a school-age child care program and will also provide space for staff functions. Therefore, the 1613 and 1615 addresses will function as joint components of the Hopewell Day Care Center.

We are requesting that you rule that this project will not require a special exception. Given the close ties between the child care activities at 1613 and 1615 Hopewell Avenues and the fact that the 1615 site represents an expansion of an exiting licensed child care program, we feel that the new project is an integral part of a child care center within a church. Only a small dead end street separates the two day care buildings. Finally, the church has given the nonprofit a 99-year lease to expand the day care program at 1615 Hopewell Avenue. This expansion will meet a critical need for day care serving low and moderate-income families in Essex. Applying for a special exception would further delay the ability of the Block Grant Program to provide these critically needed day care slots.

Attached for your review is a site plan for this project. Please call me at extension 6055 if you need additional information. I look forward to hearing your decision. Thank you for your assistance.

cc: Isaiah Hill, President Hopewell Day Care, Inc. 1613 Hopewell Avenue Essex, Maryland 21221

Baltimore County Government epartment of Community Developmen Office for Children

1990 Fax 887-5696

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ZONING OFFICE

December 21, 1990

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning M.S. 3402

Dear Mr. Haines:

One Investment Place Suite 106

Towson, MD 21204

County has a provider been able to establish a quality facility built from ground up. Hopewell Day Care Center, Inc. is in the position to do just that. With careful planning we came up with the location and structure of a facility that provides the best service and protection to children.

The planned day care building placed lengthwise next to Oakhurst Street, has at least three features of quality central:

- 1. The floor plan puts indoor activity area next to protected outdoor activity area. This is the best interpretation of COMAR 10.05.01.64 Equipment and storage shall be arranged so that small groups of children can move safely and easily from one activity to another according to their interests.
- 2. The exits required by the Fire Department can remain unlocked, yet protected (in the joining play area) by a fenced enclave. In this design, the outdoor play/eating areas are easily supervised through large windows.
- The playground standards are met with 7,000 square feet of space for 60 children. The "L" shapped configuration is easier to supervise than a play area that surrounds the building. This design also requires less fencing to shield the children from traffic ways.

The continuity of the program is another feature to consider. The licensee has not requested a new license but a capacity increase based on available space. The proposed design is the best space used for an increase to 60 children in a protected environment.

Finally, the design requires few windows in the support area on the Oakhurst Street side of the building. This allows for very effective signage on the side of the building.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

for February 19, 1991

are required.

are still applicable.

are still applicable.

TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: February 22, 1991

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed

For Items 300 and 316, County Review Group Comments

For Item 310 the previous County Review Group Comments

For Item 307, the previous minor subdivision comments

11/00~

ROBERT W. "BOWLING, P.E., Chief

Developers Engineering Division

the subject zoning items and we have no comments for

Items 296, 299, 302, 305, 312, 313, 314, 315 and 317.

I have been working very closely with Hopewell Day Care Center, Inc. planning this expansion. I recommend the acceptance of the site plan as it was submitted because an alternative plan might compromise quality child development and

Sincerely,

atherine Deangles

Catherine Drayton Child Development Specialist

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91-322-SPHXA

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 17, 1991 Mr. Wirth / SWM Mr. Powell / EIRD

Mr. Pilson / W&S

CPS-008

Mr. Flowers / CBCA Mr. Fisher / Planning

Mr. Richards / Zoning Mr. Bowling / DED (2)

Mr. Famili / Traffic Mr. Weiss / Sanitation

Mr. Beaumont / Land Acq. Ms. Lutz / House Nos.

Capt. Kelly / Fire Dept.

Mr. Kincer / Rec.&Parks Mr. Brocato / SHA

Mr. Butcher / C&P

Project No.: 91110

Engineer : Canino

Phone No.: 661-0415

Mr. Keller / OPZ Deputy Director (FYI)

Susan Wimblev Bureau of Public Services SUBJECT: District: 15C5 Project Name: Hopewell Child Day Care;

CRG Plan Review (Meeting Waived) : xx W-91-85

CRG Plan Refinement Review CRG Non-Material Amendment Review CRG Plan Approval Extension Review: Panhandle Minor CRG Plan Review : Minor Subdivision Review

Please review the attached plan for compliance with current regulations and return comments to our office by 7-8-91.; If you have no comments or do not need to review this plan, please indicate by placing your initials here _____.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

HOPEWELL CHILD DAY CARE 1615 Hopewell Avenue w-91-85

CRG Plan Review (Meeting Waived) Plan Date: 1/31/91 Comments Due: 7/8/91 Comments Date: 6/25/91 Comments Completed: 6/26/91

The plan has been reviewed by this office for general compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. The following comments identify obvious conflicts with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and details necessary in order to determine compliance with these regulations. When these standard and nonstandard details and information is available or provided, it shall be the responsibility of the owner, developer, or developer's engineer to rectify all conflicts well in advance of any expected zoning approvals. The intent of the developer must be clear on the C.R.G. plan and any zoning conflicts must be identified conspicuously on the plan under "Zoning Public Hearing Request". If a public hearing is requested, the assistance received at the time of filing zoning petitions and the following zoning staff comments, although they relate to the property, are not to be construed as definitive nor do they indicate the appropriateness of any public hearing requests:

HISTORY -- Provide a zoning history by case number on the plan including the date of the last Order, what was requested, granted or denied and listing and indicating compliance with any restrictions including, but not necessarily limited to, case number 91-322-SPHXA.

Change title of plan to CRG Plan; include waiver number and date of waiver

SIGNS -- Provide an engineering scale elevation on the plan of all existing and proposed free-standing signs clearly indicating the type, height, dimensions, square footage, single or double-face and illumination. All signs must be keyed to their existing or proposed location on the plan print and enough detail must be shown to determine compliance with Section 424.6 (B.C.Z.R.) and all zoning sign policies or a zoning variance is required.

HOPEWELL CHILD DAY CARE W-91-85

Indicate parking will comply with Section 409.8.A.2 and 409.8.A.6.

Final zoning approval is contingent first, upon all plan comments being addressed on the C.R.G. plan; and secondly, upon the final resolution of all

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 887-3391. Any requests for further information from the Zoning Office must include a reference to the waiver file #W-91-85 and written correspondence or revised plans must be accompanied by a copy of these comments.

CAM:scj

cc: Current Planning Zoning File - #91-322-SPHXA Waiver File

Rarely in the history of day care services in Baltimore

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BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY

SUBPORNA

FRANK W. WELSH or Authorized Representative Director of Community Development 1 Investment Place, Suite 800 Towson, Maryland 21204

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Zoning Commission of Baltimore County on April 11, 1991 at 2:00 P.M., at Room 106, of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Subpoena requested by Petitioner, Hopewell Daycare Center, Inc. Any questions should be directed to Darryl G. Fletcher, Esquire, 8905 Harford Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21234, (301) 882-2000.

Mr. Sheriff/Private Process Server please process in accordance with Zoning Commission Rule lV (c).

> J. Robert Harris Traines Zoning Commissioner

TESTIMONY HOPEWELL DAY CARE CENTER, INC. SPECIAL HEARING IN ZONING

The Baltimore County Department of Community Development supports the expansion of Hopewell Day Care Center in the Essex area near Back River Neck Road. There are five major reasons why this project is so very important.

- Statistics show that there is a critical need for child care in the Essex area.
- The available child care in the area is limited with not much chance for expansion.
- The project will benefit low income families. The history of service at the First Baptist Church
- is long and impressive. The current church buildings are substandard for quality child care.

According to the latest report from LOCATE (the County's information and referral service for child care), 521 calls were made this year for the location of available care in Essex. Essex is recorded as having the 3rd highest level of requests in the county. Essex is also listed as one of the geographic sections where slots in group child care by LOCATE cannot be

The Child Care Administration reports that there are six centers in the Essex area with a total capacity of only 214 children. There is no room to increase the capacities in any of these buildings. Hopewell is the only one with potential to increase available care; perhaps to double its current capacity.

It is clear to see that the numbers and types of facilities to support group child care are inadequate in the Essex area. Hopewell Day Care, Inc. is a non-profit operation. It provides care with the lowest fee structure known in the County. Eighty percent plus (80%+) of enrolled children are subsidized by purchase of care. For years First Baptist Church, which houses the day care service, not only provided affordable care, but provided employment training and other self help opportunities for the under employed. While the current church buildings are modest and fragile, they serve the community well - yet they are not adequate to support quality child care. Our support, therefore is behind the expansion of the child care services into a new building in a new space.

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-Summary-

Baltimore County Department of Community Development wants to develop child care where child care is needed in the County. Church properties are good sites for child care. Typically, child centers in low income areas are developed piecemeal or made over in shared spaces. This Hopewell plan for low cost, quality child care would create a state of the art situation. The proposed new building will be a considerable asset to the community. We urge you to grant this special exception.

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E.M. CANINO + ASSOCIATES

91-322-5PHXA December 7, 1990

Kate Milton 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 113 Towson, MD 21204

ZONING OFFICE

12-13-1-0AM

Re: Hopewell Day Care Center Project 1615 Hopewell Avenue Baltimore, MD 21221

Notes Concerning Meeting with Kate Milton, December 6, 1990.

Dear Kate,

Planner

If you recall, we met yesterday to review our needs for Special Exception and Zoning Variance. The major issue presently is your observation of the necessity for clarification of the word "within" in section 424.2 of the Code.

When I returned to the office I phoned Pat Heidel, the Community Planner with the Baltimore County Department of Community Development - Grants Administration. To begin the entire Child Day Care project she had visited your offices and reviewed this very issue with Larry Getz on 7/11/90 (who coincidently, I met with to review my data). Larry conferred with John Lewis who basically said that the "... permitted by right within the following uses ... was addressing land use not necessarily building form of the following list of six

Based on that verbal indication of applicability she initiated a process of contract with the church-formed corporation that led to our present labors on the preject. Could you cover this rather critical issue with Larry as well as clarify this important point?

8811 Harford Road / Baltimore, Maryland 21234 / 301/661-0415 / FAX 301/661-4224

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Dear Ms. Milton, Thanks for your reply to our project. Could we refer you to the enclosed documentation illustrating the process already undertaken? Enclosed is a revised CGR Plan. Your reference to signs is covered by note o the plan and will be taken up at a later date. The sign contemplated is simple lettering on the building with no thought being given to free standing signage.

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

E.M.CANINO + ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECTS / PLANNERS

To: Ms. Catherine Milton

Re: Hopewell Child Day Care Center

Project #91110/W-91-85

Response to comments of 6/26/91

July 16,1991

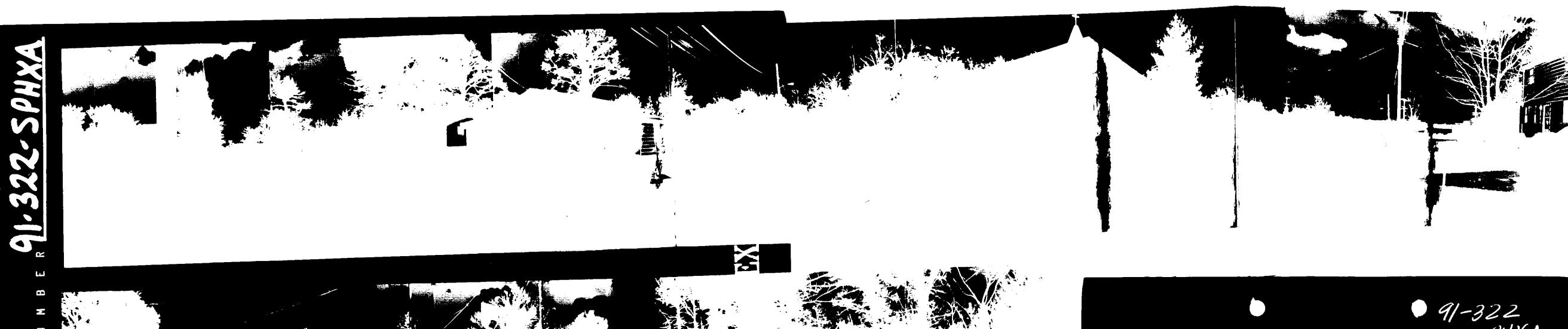
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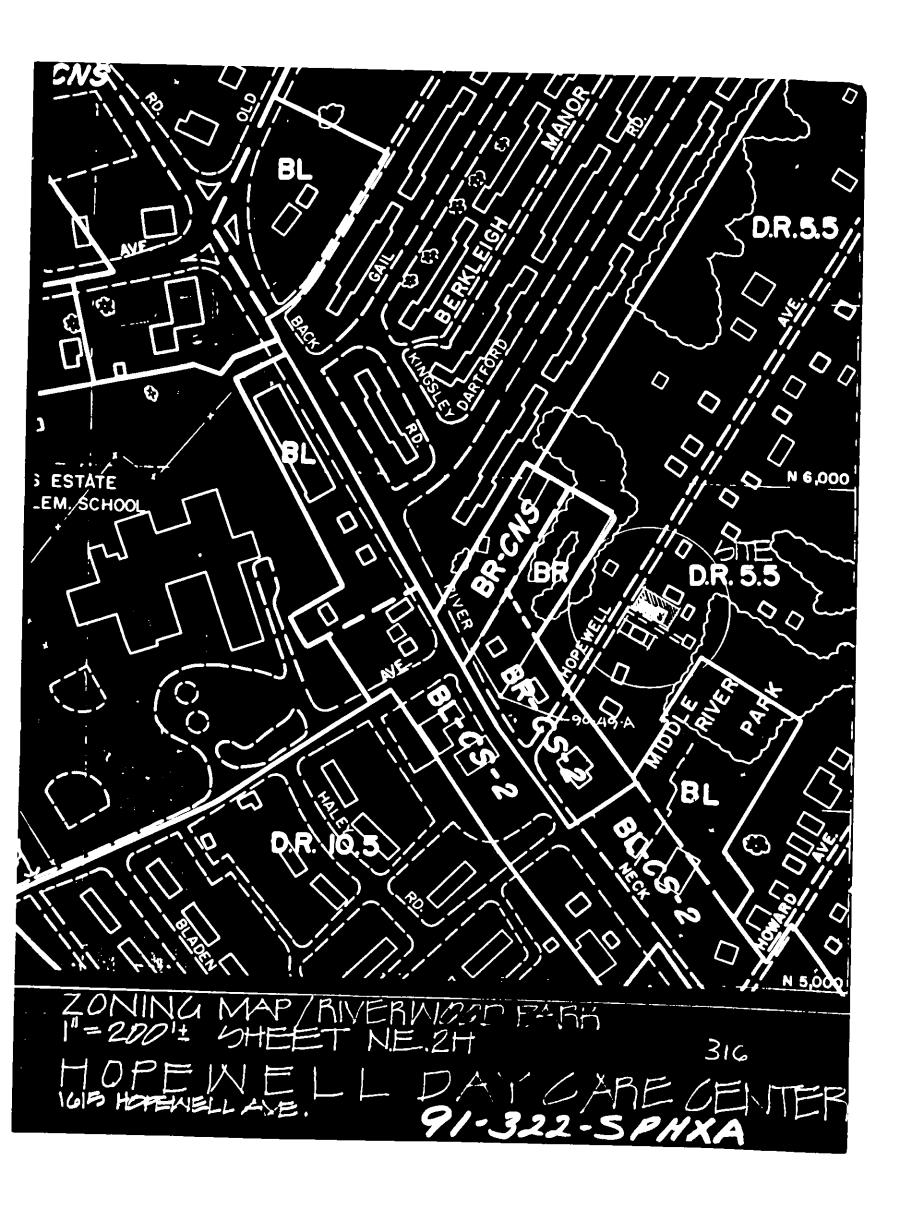
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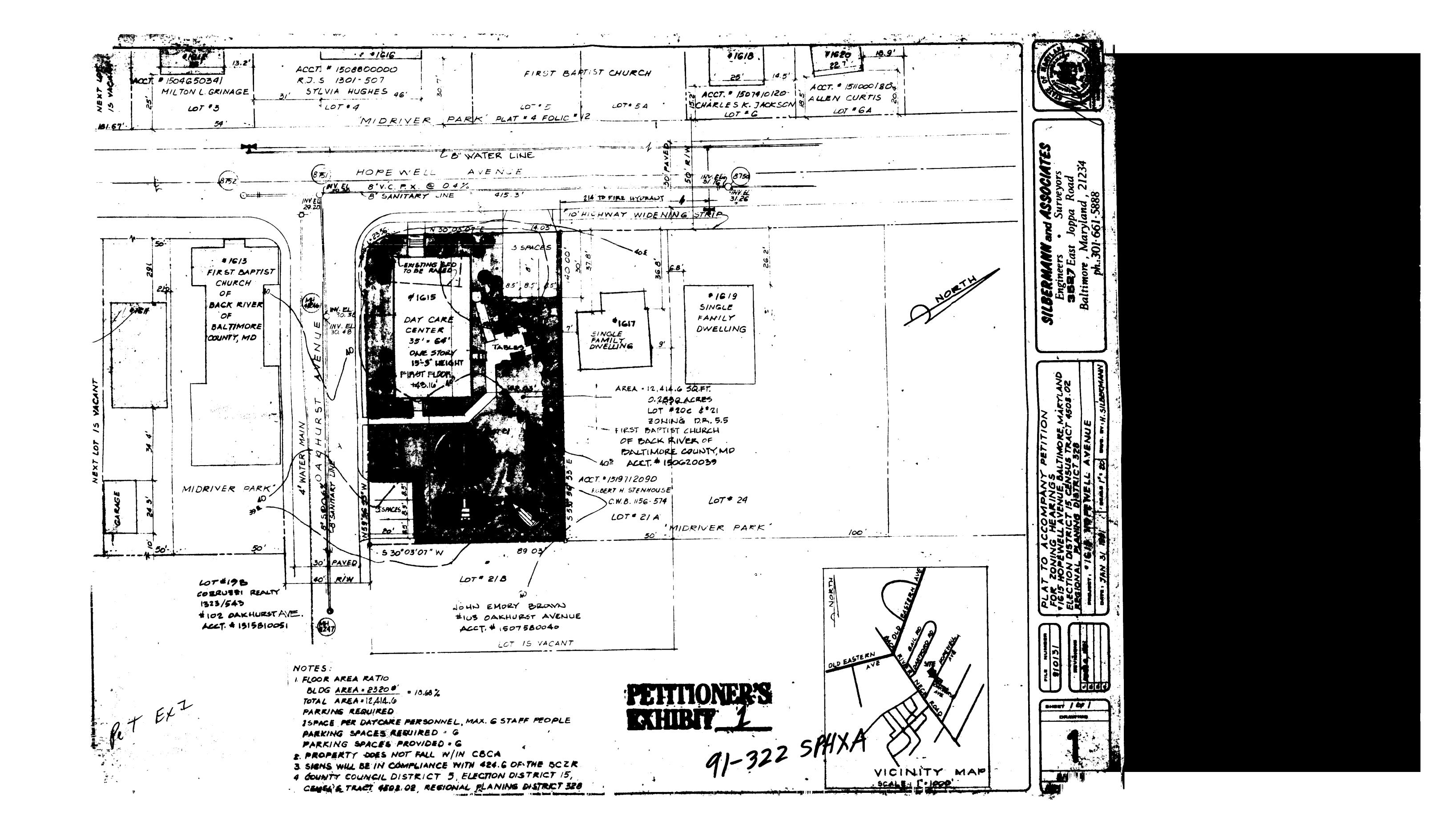
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